

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9021

By Rudd

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Nevin Lewis Wax of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Nevin Lewis Wax; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wax was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on January 30, 1932, in Bloom Township, Ohio, Nevin Wax grew up on a farm; however, he knew a farming life was not for him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wax enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War and served as a weather advisor on the aircraft carriers USS *Tarawa* and USS *Monterey*; he also saw duty stateside in Miami, Florida, where he watched and studied hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, after completing his four-year tour of duty with the Navy, he enrolled in Bob Jones University, where he met his future bride, Birdie Lou Mullett; the couple were married on August 17, 1957; and

WHEREAS, settling in Wheaton, Illinois, Nevin Wax began a seventeen-year tenure with the Sword of the Lord, a Christian publishing company led by Dr. John R. Rice; he and his growing family then moved to Murfreesboro when the company relocated to the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Wax started a printing company, Graphic Services, in their one-car garage; the company rapidly expanded through word of mouth, and Mr. Wax went full time with the business in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Waxes purchased land on MTCS Road and built an exemplary facility for the print shop; Mr. Wax went on to establish another printing operation, Steeple Press, through his church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wax was an active and devout member of Franklin Road Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Sunday School teacher and chairman of the deacons; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-four years, Birdie Lou Mullett Wax, and was the proud father of Kevin Paul (Rhonda) Wax, Peggy Lyn (Hugh) McCoy, and Karen Ruth (Chris) Gerbman; and the devoted grandfather of Trevin (Corina) Wax, Justin (Bethany) Wax, Paul Rust, Tiffany (Brannon) Mangus, Mandy (Morgan) Flagler, Austen (Julia) McCoy, Taylor Rust, Weston (Mary) Wax, and Lauren McCoy; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his nineteen great-grandchildren, Timothy Wax, Julia Wax, Bradyn Mangus, Addy Flagler, Joseph Wax, Browder Mangus, Abigail Wax, Drew Flagler, Brooks Mangus, Joshua Wax, David Wax, Benjamin Wax, Annabelle Flagler, Judah Wax, Jonathan Wax, Brandt Mangus, Ellie Wax, Haven McCoy, and Asa Flagler; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his siblings, Howard and Anita; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his infant son, Steven Paul Wax; his sisters, Harriet, Margaret, and Violet; and his brother, Dale; and

WHEREAS, Nevin Wax leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Nevin Lewis Wax, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.